

## FIRST MONTH'S CAMPAIGN TO END THURSDAY

# The School Situation Among Colored

### School Stituation Among Negroes Of Our City

For a number of years as editor of the Weekly Echo, we have hammered on our school situation, in our city especially. The Negro Civic League has from time to time, discussed our awful plight, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance has not held up one bit. Committees have been appointed from these different organizations of our group to wait on white authorities, but to my mind, we have had no consideration whatever.

What is the big reason for ignoring our petition and our request. First of all, the Negro has no vote and those in authority know it. What I mean by no vote, is that, hardly ten Negroes in a thousand in Meridian and Lauderdale County are registered citizens.

#### APPOINTS COMMITTEE

Some time ago the Negro Civic League appointed a committee to present a nice petition to some of our authorities in our city for certain consideration. That committee and the League have waited for months, and we have not even received a reply from those in authority. Do you know why? To my mind, the reason is we have no voice and until we as a race will be able to help put men in office by our vote, or help take them out of office by vote, the same condition will exist. History proves that men always catered to voices of citizen because of their vote, but we have no voice.

#### RECEIVED LETTER

A few days ago the editor received a letter from the National Conference of Jews and Christians for Justice, Amity and Understanding between Protestants, Catholics and Jews. The letter was from 289-4th Avenue, New York City. It had as co-chairmen—Honorable Newton D. Baker, Prof. Carlton J. H. Hayes, Mr. Rodger W. Straus and others. This letter was a protest against the treatment of Jews in Germany with the signatures of such men as Drs. S. Parkes Cadman, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Mordcai Johnson, Russell Bowie, Ray Freeman Jenny, Ralph W. Sockman and others. The editor was asked to sign this protest along with these signatures. We read it so however, we called the chairman's attention to the fact that we hope a movement will be started in this country protesting the treatment of the black race. Not by Hitler, but by the American white man.

Not all of the white people will join in this mal-treatment of the Negro, for there are some good white people who are trying to help us, but we need a movement on behalf of the Negro such as has been waged on behalf of the Jews of Germany.

Let Meridian take a retrospective view of the school situation in Meridian in general, and we must confess to the fact that it is deplorable for a town of this size with more than 16,000 Negro inhabitants, together with Negroes who are large tax payers.

#### TRUSTEES

I sincerely believe that Negroes should be permitted to be members of the Trustee Board in our city. Who is to speak for us when the Board meets? Who knows our desires, our needs and our wants? It is useless to say that the principals of these schools can speak for us, or the instructors can speak for us, they cannot do it. That is, they will not do it, for their positions are at stake. It is pitiful to think of the fact that Negroes of Meridian who desire that their children get the proper kind of training must send them

away from Meridian after they have finished certain grades, in order that they can get a training that is commensurate with leading institutions.

Again, I say that the school situation among our group is deplorable.

What glory can Hitler get out of suppressing the Jews. What has he to boast of in suppressing the man who cannot help himself? Has the white man of America any right to suppress the fellow who is already down? In other words, what does it profit an individual to step on the fellow who cannot help himself? If I kill a Toad frog what have I to boast of? Let me get a lion and then I can boast.

### HONORED WITH SHOWER

The Night Hawks Club entertained at a shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Turner, Jr., Friday night May 12th, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams, 12th Street and 31st Avenue.

The guests were received by the president, Mr. William Bennett. Whist, bridge and radio music were the features of the evening.

After a delicious course was served the bride and groom accompanied by the many guests entered a spacious room and circled around a huge table laden with many beautiful gifts. These were presented to the newly wed by Mr. Bennett.

The members and their dates were: Mr. Fred Sherrod and Miss Lillie V. Kendrick, Mr. David Reese and Miss Ruth Weston, Mr. Albert Needham and Miss Dorothy McClain, Mr. Sam Sherrod and Miss Janie Timmons, Mr. James K. Emerson and Miss Marie Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Turner, Jr., Mr. Theodore Gaines, Mr. William Bennett, Mr. James Blanks and Miss Majorie Crowell, Mr. L. M. Cochran and Miss Ollie Mae Weston, Mr. J. B. Pelletus and Miss Alma Lee Reese, Mr. William Emerson, Mr. Rosser R. Emerson, Mr. John White and Miss Z. A. Anderson, Mr. Joe Smith and Miss Ethel Brown, Mr. Edward Smith and Miss M. Nicholson.

### CHURCHES AWARDED PRIZES IN MARKS ROTHENBERG PROSPERITY CONTEST

According to reports, the Prosperity Contest sponsored by the Marks Rothenberg & Co., has created quite a bit of interest.

Three monthly prizes are offered by Marks Rothenberg & Co. The first month ended on the 13th of this month.

#### ST. PAUL LEADS

St. Paul M. E. Church of which Rev. M. T. J. Howard is pastor was awarded first prize, in the amount of \$15.00. Total number of votes reported 24,530.

The Church of God of which Rev. W. H. Lewis is pastor, was awarded second prize, which was \$10.00. Total number of votes reported 9,483.

St. John of which Rev. D. Evans is pastor, was awarded third prize, in the amount of \$5.00. Total number of votes reported 7,930.

We do not know how many churches participated in this Campaign. The Weekly Echo wishes to congratulate St. Paul, the Church of God and St. John for being awarded these prizes.

### MUST DIE FOR KILLING CHINESE

Memphis, Tenn., May 19th, (ANP) James "Snake" Pillow must die in

the electric chair for the murder of of Charles Lum, Chinese grocer, during a holdup March 11, a jury ruled here Monday. The jury deliberated only seven minutes.

Death sentences were also voted for Frank Mays and Jasper Graham, convicted of the murder of a white insurance agent near the Douglas park section, and for Willie Jones in connection with the death of Granville Garner, a white junk dealer.

All the men were prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Sam Campbell who has the enviable record of winning these, the only death sentence in the county in five years, all the victims being Negroes.

### C. M. E. ELDER MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Presiding Elder E. W. Wahsington of Mt. Olive, Mississippi, announces his third Quarterly round for the Meridian District of the C. M. E. Church as follows:

Newell Chapel, June 11th and 12th; Zion Hill Circuit, June 17th and 18th; Good Hope Circuit, June 24th and 25th; Laurel Mission, June 26th and 27th; Hattiesburg and Wiggins, July 1st and 2nd; Clyde and Rose Hill, July 8th and 9th; Blue Springs Circuit, July 15th and 16th; Mt. Pleasant Circuit, August 5th and 6th; Bassfield, August 12th and 13th.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference will convene July 28, 29 and 30 at Good Hope on the Good Hope Circuit. All pastors, officers and members are urged to govern themselves according to notice.

E. W. Washington, Presiding Elder.

#### BROOKHAVEN NEWS

##### STORK VISITS

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Baker, May 10th and left a darling little daughter, whom they have named Joicydine. It is reported that mother and baby are doing nicely.

#### RETURN FROM VACATION

Miss Anna B. Brown has returned home from her vacation in St. Louis where she has been visiting relatives. Miss Brown reports a very pleasant trip.

#### MOTHERS' DAY PROGRAM

There was a splendid Mother's Day program and sermon, rendered at Avery Chapel Sunday, which was very enjoyable. Rev. J. O. Throner is pastor.

#### RETURNED FROM LOUISIANA

Mrs. Almetee Merritt has returned home from her vacation in Franklin, La. She reports a pleasant trip.

#### CLOSING EXERCISE OF WEST END SCHOOL

The West End School will present a concert at St. James A. M. E. Church, Davis Street and 37 Avenue, Thursday, May 25th at 8:00 o'clock.

The public is invited to be present. A Small admission will be charged. E. L. Williams, Prin.

### SOUTHERN WHITES SHOWS GENEROSITY

Saluda, N. C., May 19th, (ANP) One of the most unique projects in this region has been established as a result of the inspiration of a young white

man, Willie Leo Buffington, to help his colored neighbors.

Under his guidance, a log cabin was built as an adjunct to the Roosevelt school at Plum Branch which now houses a total of 2,500 books, available to the pupils and residents of the community as well. The library is called "Faith Cabin."

Mr. Buffington recently sponsored a contest among the pupils of the school on the subject, "What Faith Cabin Means to Me," and offered free trips to Augusta, Ga., to the two boys and girls who wrote the best essays.

### REVIVAL BEING CONDUCTED AT NEWELL CHAPEL



Dr. J. M. Reed of Little Rock, Arkansas, Connectional Evangelist of the C. M. E. Church, is now conducting one of the biggest revivals at Newell Chapel Meridian for Rev. Roy L. Young and his members, that has been witnessed in Meridian. Crowds are flocking to hear him. The meeting is growing in interest each night. He arrived in Meridian, Tuesday.

Both white and colored are witnessing splendid sermons delivered by Dr. Reed. He has the old time fire that is much needed now in all churches. Preaching begins each night at 8:00 o'clock.

A splendid sermon will be preached by him Sunday at 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M. The public is invited.

#### SOME SUBJECTS

Come and hear Dr. Reed preach some of the following subjects:

A short man made tall;  
The blind man at the beautiful gate  
The lame man at the pool

Caught in A storm.  
Jonah and that whale  
The trinity

Sunday morning, A Great Speaker John 7:46. Sunday night "The Good Samaritan" St. Luke 10:36. Dr. Reed is a wonder in the pulpit.

### HOSPITAL INMATE KILLED

Little Rock, Ark., May 19th (ANP) Henry Wilson, 45, a patient at the State Hospital, was killed Sunday afternoon when struck by an automobile.

#### P. T. A. OF THE WEST END SCHOOL

The P. T. A. of the West End School will hold its last meeting of the school term for the year of 1932-'33 Friday, May 26th, at 1:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

The annual report of the secretary and election of officers will be the features of the meeting.

Mrs. M. L. Wilson, Pres.  
Miss Mildred Gaines, Sect'y.  
Prof. E. L. Williams, Prin.

### "EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN VAIN THAT BUILT IT"

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrow."

There are days of unrest, of dissatisfaction, scarcity of jobs and scarcity of funds. It appears as if our country has gone wild over building a house, of which the editor candidly believes, that the Lord has nothing to do with its building.

It is predicted that if the 18th Amendment is repealed, more than two hundred and fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) will come to the United States, as a revenue from spirits, in other words liquor.

May we ask all governmental authorities, all city authorities, in fact everybody who advocates the repeal of the 18th Amendment, if they really believe that Jesus Christ would advocate the revamping of a government; the bringing back of prosperity through the liquor traffic. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for so he giveth his beloved sleep."

The president of the United States together with Congress to my mind, are throwing up a smoked screen to the people of the government. It is either a sales tax advocated by the government, or a revenue from liquor by the government. Isn't it common sense to believe that with millions of people out of jobs and not able to pay a sales tax, that they are going to advocate revenue from the sale of liquor, in order to save their own hide? And yet, in the final analysis, it is worse than a sales tax. I wonder sometimes if our governmental authorities are not practically in the same shape that Belshazzar was in. Belshazzar had an opportunity but he lost it. I think that our government has an opportunity, but I sincerely believe that it will lose it through the liquor traffic. Prosperity comes to no individual, no family or nation through wrong doing. Let us fret not ourselves because of evil doers who seem to prosper in their own way, for they will soon be cut off and withered as grass.

The government of the United States to my mind, stands now at the most critical point in the history of our country. "Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain." I believe that ninety five per cent of the men who head positions in our country, are afraid to speak their conviction of right. They rather fall in the line of least resistance. Mr. Roosevelt is the leader of this country. He has a big chance and a big opportunity to build a house; lay a foundation, but it appears to me that the Lord has been excused and the devil with all of his agencies has come forth.

Mr. Leroy Jones, alias Pos, made a big hit last week in selling the Weekly Echo. Mr. Jones wishes to thank all of those who have been kind enough to purchase a copy of the Weekly Echo.

#### STORK VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Spooner announce the birth of a darling daughter whom they have named Euraa Marie. Mrs. Spooner formerly was Miss Evelyn Murphy. Mother and baby are reported to be doing nicely.

### First Month's Sunday School Campaign to End Next Week

The first Month's Sunday School Campaign in which five prizes will be awarded to Sunday Schools will end Thursday of next week, May 25th at 5:00 P. M. strictly. All votes reported after 5:00 o'clock will be counted in the second month's Campaign. Those that are to be awarded prizes will be announced Friday of next week, May 26 All Sunday School Superintendents are urged to pay strict attention to this notice in order that they might avoid any misunderstanding. The Sunday Schools voting the highest number of votes will be awarded prizes as follows: \$10.00, \$8.00, \$6.00, \$4.00, and \$2.00.

#### TIME OF VOTING

Time of voting is from 10:00 A. M. until 11:00 A. M. and from 4:00 to 5:00 P. M. each working day of the week. Remember our list of advertisers on the back page and buy from these advertisers if you want votes. Receipts will count for payments on bills or amounts paid on accounts.

Lauderdale Dairy bottle stoppers and Pinkston bread wrappers can be voted. Orange crush, grape and golden rod, gingerale tops from Meridian Steam and Bottling Co., can be voted.

#### ASK FOR VOTES

When you purchase from our advertisers don't fail to ask for your votes. When you ride with 92 Taxi Company ask them for your votes.

The Campaign is going over is big style. Watch the Echo next week for those who have been successful in reporting the highest number of votes.

### FIGHT JIM CROW

#### POLICY AT 124TH ARMORY IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., May 19th (ANP) Following close upon the receipt of complaints that colored people were being barred from public affairs at the 124th Field Artillery Armory at 53rd and Cottage Grove avenue, the Chicago Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. made formal complaint to Governor Henry Horner, Adjutant General C. E. Black, and Divisional Commander Gen. Roy D. Keehn. At the same time, colored members of the Legislature were asked to introduce a resolution calling for a full investigation of this unit of the military service of the State. Other Legal action growing out of the complaints of individuals will be launched under the direction of the Legal Redress Committee of the Branch to the end that the vicious and unpardonable action and attitude of this military unit of the State be terminated and those responsible brought to either the bar of justice or before a board of inquiry for punishment. Association officials stated that every means available will be used in the fight to effectually stop this discrimination and punish the officials responsible.

#### HON. JOHN L. WEBB

As we go to press news reaches us that the Hon. John L. Webb of Hot Springs will be in the city Tuesday. He will speak to the Mason of this city at 8:00 P. M. He is grand master of the STRINGER GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

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